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*ISU International Figure Skating Competition for
Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance*

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Andorra information

Welcome to Andorra, the country of the Pyrenees. An independent state with an area of 468 km² and more than a thousand years of history in the southeast of Europe, between Spain and France. Known internationally for its ski resorts, shops with very low taxes and its modern hotel and service infrastructures, each year the country receives nearly 8 million visitors.

Andorra is also a paradise for nature lovers: 90% of the country is forest.

Geographical location: Andorra is in the heart of the Pyrenees, between Spain and France.



Capital: Andorra la Vella.

Area: 468 km²

Time zone: GMT + 1

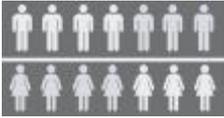
Administrative organisation: The country is structured into seven administrative and territorial divisions known as “parishes”, which by order of protocol are: Canillo, Encamp, Ordino, La Massana, Andorra la Vella, Sant Julià de Lòria and Escaldes-Engordany. The body managing each parish is the “Comú”.

Political system: Andorra is a state of democratic and social law. In 1993 it entered the United Nations and its constitution was approved by referendum. The only country in the world with two heads of state: the Episcopal co-prince (the Bishop of La Seu d’Urgell, in Spain), and the French co-prince (the president of the French Republic). The Principality holds parliamentary elections every four years.



The climate

Andorra has a high mountain climate: with cold temperatures in the winter and mild in the summer. The atmosphere is dry. Next to the Mediterranean, so most days of the year are sunny.



Population

According to the 2012 census, Andorra has a population of 78,000, with an average age of 39.6 years.



Language

Andorra's official language is Catalan. However, Spanish, French and Portuguese are commonly used. English is also spoken in all establishments related to tourism.



Currency

The official currency in Andorra is the euro (€). Andorra will mint Euros for the first time in 2014.



Religion

Andorra is a lay state. The Constitution supports freedom of religion and cult. However, most of the population is Catholic.



Andorra in figures

Population: 78,000 inhabitants | Annual visitors: 8.000.000 | Hotel establishments: 315 | Hotel places: more than 39,000 | Ski slopes: 300 km of marked slopes | Shops and trades: more than 1,000 shops and 7 large shopping centres | Days of the year when the trades close: 4

<http://visitandorra.com/en/the-country/>

Village of Canillo



Discover the parish

It is the first parish in order of protocol. It consists of the villages and towns of Canillo, Soldeu, Bordes d'Envalira, El Tarter, Sant Pere, Ransol, Els Plans, El Vilar, Aldosa, Prats and Meritxell. In Canillo is the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Meritxell, patron saint of the Principality and the famous Ice Palace of Andorra, with more than 8,000 m2 and an Olympic size ice rink. Soldeu-El Tarter is one of the stations ski Andorra largest of all, with a quiet and harmonious landscape and guaranteed snow throughout the season.

Canillo, the top of Andorra

Canillo, one of the highest parishes in Andorra, is a present-day tourist and mountain destination offering quality and tranquillity. The valleys of Canillo form a preserved area with places of great beauty which invite you to enjoy the best active experiences of nature. Soldeu, El Tarter and Canillo are the doorways to Grandvalira, the largest skiing area in the Pyrenees and the greatest offer of snow activities in the country.

Andorra is also a thousand-year-old country

Romanesque art, museums and monuments, cultural itineraries, festivals and celebrations formed a small sample of its rich historic heritage.

<http://en.vdc.ad/ParishofCanillo.aspx>

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ICE RINK “Palau de gel d’Andorra” in Canillo



1000 ways to have fun with your family!

The Palau de Gel is located in the heart of Canillo, on foot of the ski resort Grandvalira, and 15 min. of capital (Andorra la Vella).

Olympic Ice Rink 1800m² (60m x 30m) and stands with capacity for 1500 spectators.

Heated Pool 25m x 12.50 m with a depth of 1.60 m -2.10 m, divided into 6 lanes of 1.80 and a space for groups

Urban Gym: Space equipped with fitness machines, cardio and weight training, sauna, indoor climbing wall tutorials... measures 3.50 m wide and 4m high.
Squax and outdoor tennis court.

Space Company: Auditorium for 314 people, with stage and sound equipment. Modular rooms (4 rooms), multipurpose room and multi-sports hall.

Restaurant cafeteria

<http://www.palaudegel.ad/en/palau-de-gel/>



Travel to Andorra

The Principality of Andorra does not require any type of visa.

The Principality of Andorra is not a member of the Schengen Area. Access to the Principality is made through France or Spain. Thus, any national from a third-country travelling to Andorra must get information from the French or Spanish Embassies or Consulates (depending on the country of entrance) about the need of a Schengen visa, and when deemed necessary, about the visa obtaining procedures.

When the Schengen visa is required, third-country nationals shall apply for a double-entry or a multiple entry Schengen visa depending on how many times you will enter the Schengen area from Andorra.

Information about the entry of foreign minors to the Principality of Andorra

Minors travelling to Andorra with their parents, legal guardian or representative must have:

- A valid ID card, or
- A passport in force. The minor could be registered in one of the parent's passport but it is not an obligation.

Any national from a country outside the European Union must have a two or multiple-entry Schengen visa.

Unaccompanied minors or minors accompanied by people who are not their parents must have:

- A passport in force, or
- A valid ID card accompanied of a written authorisation signed by their parents, legal guardian or representative.

1. The legislations and regulations of many States foresee that the authorisations are delivered by Police Stations or other instances.

It is recommended to all the parents, legal guardians or representatives who would like to authorise their minor children to travel to a country by their own or with other people, to be informed about regulations in force on this matter.

2. A national from a country outside the European Union must have a two or multiple-entry Schengen visa.

<http://www.exteriors.ad/en/travel-to-andorra>

Use Andorran Bus Lines

If you decide to get around Andorra using public transport, check the bus lines to plan your trips properly. Apart from being the most economic option, services run every day.

All the bus lines will take you to the main towns in each parish, and some go to valleys further away. Depending on where you want to go, you should take into account that the greater the distance, the less frequent the service. This means frequency can vary from every 20 minutes to one every hour.

Hire Cars in Andorra

Do you enjoy driving and want to get around on your own? Then you need a rental car.

Car rental agencies in Andorra have offices in most towns. To rent a car, you must be in possession of a valid EU driving license and a credit card. If you want to leave Andorra, make sure to ask about the conditions included in the insurance policy.

Some international agencies in the country also have offices in the main airports and train stations in France and Spain, where you can conveniently pick up or return the vehicle.

Below is a list of car rental companies in Andorra for you to choose the one that best meets your needs.

Official Hotel for the Open d'Andorra 2017

Hotel Ski Plaza (In front of the Ice Rink)

Ctra. General s/n. AD100 Canillo (Andorra)

T. (+376) 739 444 / F. (+376) 739 445

www.plazandorra.com / Check in: 14 hrs / Check out: 12 hrs.

Others Hotels:

You can see other hotels in Canillo at the website: <http://en.vdc.ad/>

Transfer Barcelona Airport to the Official Hotel

Official company: **ANDBUS** <http://www.andorabybus.com>

- *Schedule Barcelona Airport / Canillo:*

T1: 10:00 – 12:00 – 14:00 – 16:00 – 18:00 – 20:00 – 22:00

T2: 10:15 – 12:15 – 14:15 – 16:15 – 18:15 – 20:15 – 22:15

- *Schedule Canillo / Barcelona Airport:*

04:20 – 06:20 – 08:20 – 10:20 – 12:20 – 14:20 – 16:20

The price of a **one way is: 45€ / person**

Round trip: 76€ / person

For a private transfer ask the organization: faeg@faeg.ad

For other schedules consult the following links

Andorra Direct Bus: (Barcelona – Andorra la Vella): <http://www.andorradirectbus.es/>

Airport Rent of Cars Company: www.sixt.com